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1. The 14 Jun 53 issue of Pravda carries an article by an Archangelsk correspondent under the title: "Cargoes Are Being Delivered Ahead of Schedule". This article states that during the first days of the cruising season in northern rivers (the sailing season in northern rivers opens the first half of June) the crew of the "Kuibyshev", a steamship of the Northern State River Shipping Company, was given the task of delivering a barge with a 956-ton cargo to Syktyksk (61.40 N; 50.51 E) with a time limit of 183 hours. Trubin, the captain of the "Kuibyshev" set up the operation using the pushing method (metod tolkaniya) and this made it possible to deliver the barge to the designated point three days (72 hours) ahead of schedule. Other ship captains in the Northern River Shipping Company followed captain Trubin's example. For example, the crew of the SS "Oleg Koshevoy" effected delivery of 1200 tons of cargo from Archangelsk to Kotlas (61.12 N; 46.50 E), cutting 52 hours off the required time.
2. [redacted] the pushing method of handling petroleum barges was beginning to come into use in the "Volgatanker" Shipping Company. [redacted] this method is being used in other river shipping companies in the USSR.
3. As article in the 24 Jul 53 issue of Pravda reports that the refrigerator ships "Uzbekistan" and "Gruziya" went down the Dnieper from Kiev on their first cruise on 23 July. These vessels have the most modern refrigerator installations. Previously there were no refrigerator ships in the Dnieper fleet. They are

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destined to carry food products and fruits for the people of Kiev and other towns in the Dnieper region. At the same time the Dnieper Basin Fleet is being augmented with the new tug steamers "Mekhanik" and "Kapitan" as well as the new passenger steamships "Chernyshevskiy" and "Radishchev".

4. Supplies of food and manufactured goods for workers of the River Fleet are handled through directorates of workers' supplies within the shipping companies. (In the merchant fleet, this supply system is organized in another manner.) The 14 Jul 53 article in Pravda states that the Volga Freight Shipping Company (one of the largest river shipping companies) has a Directorate for Workers' Supplies (URS). This directorate has at its disposal 19 floating stores in Kuibyshev, Stalingrad, Saratov, Kazan and Kamskoye Ust (55.13 N; 49.16 E).
5. In addition the article confirms the fact that reorganization of the Ministries of the Merchant Marine and the Merchant Fleet into the single Ministry of the Merchant and River Fleet did not result in any change in the structure and organization of peripheral organizations within the Ministry.

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